(b) to (d) Besides expansion of professional and technical courses of study, the University Grants Commission has a scheme of Career Oriented Programmes at First Degree Level in Universities and Colleges, to introduce career and market-oriented skill enhancing add-ons courses, that have utility for job, self-employment and employability of the students.

Training for teachers

1343. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to 2005-2006 report of the Ministry, nearly 28 percent of teachers across the country are untrained and do not even have a degree or diploma in teacher education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in UP, over 90 percent of teaching staff, including principals, in private unaided schools, are untrained while in Karnataka, 40 percent of teachers in private schools are untrained; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that all the teachers get training on education and psychology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the report published by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) based on District Information System of Education (DISE) 2005-06 data, 22.23% teachers at the elementary level are not professionally trained.

(b) In Uttar Pradesh, 50.98% teachers in private unaided elementary schools are untrained. In Karnataka, the percentage of untrained teachers is 9.10% in private aided and 28.94% in private unaided schools.

(c) The Government school teachers who do not have professional pre-service training, are provided National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) approved training programmes in distance mode through Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and other State level Institutions.

Assistance for rural public schools in A.P.

1344. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ministry has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government to provide the State Rs. 700 crore towards 25 per cent of non-recurring cost, to set up Rural Public Schools in 290 assembly constituencies of the State;

(b) if so, the latest status of the proposal, indicating the amount sanctioned/released to the State; and

(c) the number of Rural Public Schools likely to be set up in the State during the current year and the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Government has decided to support 6,000 model schools during the 11th Plan at the rate of one school in every block in the country including Andhra Pradesh